(c) While allotting accommodation out of Emergency Quota, care is taken to ensure that the Emergency Quota is released by the nominated officials as per the prescribed instructions.

Losses to Railways due to Earthquake in Jabalpur

454. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways suffered any loss due to May 22, 1997 earthquake in Jabalpur; and

(b) if so, the details of loss suffered?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A large number of residential quarters and service buildings in and around Jabalpur area sustained major damages. These include the station buildings at Madanmahal and Bheraghat stations and cabins at Jabalpur, Kachhpura and Adhartal stations. Duty bunks at several level crossings and the Bridge Nos. 289 & 291 on Nainpur-Jabalpur Narrow Gauge Section have also been badly damaged. The total cost of repairs/re-building of the damages is estimated to be approx. Rs. 7.5 crore.

Modernisation/expansion of Railway network in Mumbai

455. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra have approached the Union Government to help speed-up approval and release of funds required from Union Government/World Bank for upgrading/modernising/expanding the Railway network for local people in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof, proposal-wise;

(c) the present status of these proposals, project-wise; and

(d) whether performance of project execution of Mumbai metro-projects has been assessed recently and the details thereof, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, Government of Maharashtra have approached Ministry of Railways to consider a Rail augmentation plan for a comprehensive Urban Transport Project which could be taken with World Bank assistance. In this connection World Bank had given advance for the certain Project Preparatary studies for the Rail component. The road studies are done by Govt. of Maharashtra. Two of the rail component studies are over. The other two will be completed by September 30.

(d) A statement is attached. [*See Appendix 181, Annexure No. 14-A]*

चतरा और हजारीबाग क्षेत्रों में नक्सलवादी गतिविधियां

456. **श्री नागमणि:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि चतरा और हजारीबाग क्षेत्रों में रेल सम्पर्क की कमी के कारण वहां नक्सलवादी शक्तियों पर काबू नहीं पाया जा सका है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाए हैं और उसके क्या परिणाम निकले हैं?

रेल मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान): (क) जैसा कि रेलों को ज्ञात है नक्सलवादियों पर नियंत्रण और रेल लाइनों की व्यवस्था के बीच कोई संबंध नहीं है।

(ख) गया से चतरा और हजारी बाग के रास्ते कोडरमा से गढ़वा रोड तक नई लाइनों के निर्माण के लिए सर्वेक्षण शुरू किए गए हैं। सर्वेक्षण रिपोर्ट उपलब्ध हो जाने पर परियोजना पर आगे विचार करना संभव होगा।